

began. It was the first appearance of the American soldier in a major Allied offensive. It was the first major Allied offensive since the arrival of the A.E.F. At many points in the line which dipped down from Soissons to Chateau-Thierry and up from there to Rheims, American units were engaged. They were in the thick of it. Where they were, the fighting was hottest.

#### Exultant and Swift Advance

The advance of the infantry was exultant and swift. With tanks ahead of them and their own guns behind them, they went over the top singing. Up hill and down, across fields, across streams, across ravines, the infantry moved, driving the enemy before them, moving so fast that once a private found himself leading a platoon far in advance of his line and had to fight his way back.

They moved so fast that sometimes they didn't bother to take their prisoners back. They just chased them. The enemy found it fast that the machine guns couldn't keep up with them. They set a fearful pace for those following loyally with ammunition and supplies.

The various American regimental and brigade P.C.'s, the field hospitals and the other points which were in the trail behind the dashers had the novel and exhilarating experience of moving forward three times in 48 hours. The unsung toilers of the Signal Corps, what with the pace of the infantry and the thunder of the barrage, found work in the forward area an impossible task during the first few days.

Messages had to be sent on their way by the T.P.'s or ground telegraphy, and by that ancient and honorable institution—the runner of the battlefield. The runners covered themselves with glory and one of them made spectacular distances by capturing a German bicycle and taking it for his own.

The craving for speed was contagious, and many a time when a French cavalryman would fall, you would see a Yankee make a leap for the horse, mount it at a running jump and go charging ahead with a strange, head-on battle cry all his own.

#### Enemy's Guns Used

German battery commanders were seized and sent to the rear. When a Yankee gun would be put out of business, a German gun and German ammunition would be pressed into service in its place. And there were enough untrained German guns and unexploited German ammunition left behind in the rear to keep busy all the extra artillerymen the Americans could muster.

As the pressure was applied on the western side of the pocket, so it was applied also from the south and the east, and the yielding enemy withdrew from Chateau-Thierry on the morning of the 24th.

The French and American troops that moved through the town that day and the next found the French and American flags flying from the rubble. Here and there in the ruined streets an American olive drab wool was found as mute memorials of the men who died in those streets that first day the German offensive was halted in early June.

## YANKES RECKON BOCHE CAPTIVES BY THE THOUSAND

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neck by a German machine gun and, thus wounded, he was taken prisoner. He was borne off into an easily defended, well-minuted little machine where a whole German company lay unmolested by the Yankees who swept by them and far beyond.

As the day wore on, these Germans saw that they were trapped, but they also saw that they could make their captors pay a heavy price for their final submission.

#### A Wild Looking Envoy

Sergeant Korzis, who, like most restaurants, speaks a smattering of half a dozen languages, drew on all the German he knew for an eloquent harangue that carried the day. Early in the afternoon they decided to surrender and sent him forth to negotiate their safe passage to the rear.

With his wound dressed but still painful, him, with mud and blood all over him, he was a wild-looking envoy when he ran into some French soldiers, who decided he was a spy and were all for shooting him then and there.

He dissuaded them from this drastic action, pursued and caught up with some stray Americans from his own outfit, laid the case before them, and, led by one Corporal Wiley, they went over for the formal surrender.

There was one nervous, excited exchange of shots between a hurrying German machine gunner and one distrustful Yankee before the whole 250 marched out of the ravine and were escorted by the sergeant to regimental headquarters.

There his own officers, present as the sergeant and had him sent back to the ambulance to the field hospital. His wound had been well dressed by a German surgeon, who later became one of his prisoners.

One grizzled sergeant was somewhat taken aback when 75 forlorn German youngsters he had captured began to snivel dejectedly. The sergeant appealed loudly for the help of someone who could talk Boche. "Tell 'em not to worry," he said. "Tell 'em no one's going to hurt them. Tell 'em they've never been so well off in all their lives."

#### German Officers as Litter Bearers

Many German first-aid stations, stacked with fine equipment, fell into American hands, and some first-aid stations, attended by a large train of German medical corps orderlies, were among the captives of one regiment. They were promptly put to work under an American medical corps major. All day they dressed the wounds of the injured German prisoners, and when word of these was about, they worked expertly on the Yankees whom German shells and German machine guns had wounded.

Indeed, many of the prisoners had no sooner been taken than they were put to work as litter bearers. The regimental aid stations had plenty of work for them to do, and, after a German lieutenant felt obliged to protest that in the rush of things, he, an officer, had actually been required to carry a common litter.

One Medical Department private who had worked tirelessly with the wounded and impressed every man he could lay hands on with the business of carrying hurt Yankees and the hurt Germans to the doctors, was up to his neck in this work when a German major expostulated him beyond measure by refusing flatly to sell his hands with such menial service. "I am an officer," he explained coolly. The private brandished an ominous dagger he had just acquired as a souvenir.

"Officer, hell!" he said. The major carried the litter.

## "BUT WE GAVE 'EM HELL"



## HOSPITALS TAKE ELEVEN ORPHANS; EIGHT FOR NO. 1

Week's Orders of 20 Put Total Within Reach of 400 Mark

### WHISTLEVILLE TOOTS IN

And Somebody Else Announces That He's Discovered a Real Red-Headed Kid

**TAKEN THIS WEEK**  
Nurses of Base Hosp. No. 5 (No. 1) Harvard, U.S.A. 1  
Hospital Center, Mars-sur-Allier, 1  
Lt. Stanley P. Smith, A.S. 1  
Co. A, 1st Reg. G.H.Q. 1  
Enlisted Ord. Detach. Hqs. S.O.S. 1  
Base Hosp. No. 1 1  
The Women's Club, Laramie, Wyo. 1  
Base Hosp. No. 46 1  
Detach. C. I. 1 and J. G. H. 1  
Detach. Engineers, 1st "Whistleville" 1  
Co. G, Engineers 1  
Bakery Co. No. 1 1  
Mrs. Charles E. Myers, Philadelph. 1  
Previously adopted 370  
Total 390

Twenty fatherless French children found godfathers under THE STARS AND STRIPES plan this week, running the total of the A.E.F. orphan family up to 390 and putting it within easy striking distance of the 400 mark.

It was Whistleville, one of the scores of children adopted for the period of a year, 11 were taken by hospitals, and of these 11 the personnel of Base Hospital No. 1 became the parents of eight, equaling the mark set by Base Hospital No. 8 and qualifying for honorable mention for distinguished orphan service.

"We had to take any of our time," wrote Base Hospital No. 1, "but if you will devote just a minute to the enclosed check, you will see that it is for 2,500 francs. It is the first payment for eight orphans. The remaining 700 francs will be coming your way about pay day."

"We didn't know how to take it at first, but finally decided that if Base Hospital No. 8 was taking a bunch, we ought to have one for every day of the week, with a couple for Sunday. So here you are."

Following Base Hospital No. 1 came the nurses of Base Hospital No. 5. The enlisted men of Base Hospital No. 5 adopted two children a few weeks ago and the nurses decided they wanted an orphan, too. They chose a boy. Women always do.

Then came the hospital center at Mars-sur-Allier and Base Hospital No. 46. While the French and Americans were observing Bastille Day, July 14, the personnel of Base Hospital No. 46 got busy and voted to commemorate the day.

From the "top of the Rockies," the Women's Club of Laramie, Wyo., sent 200 francs to adopt an orphan in honor of "the boys of Wyoming."

It isn't because the trains whistle there that 13 Engineers, R.Y., detached for duty just back of the line, call the town they are quartered in "Whistleville." As a matter of fact, it isn't considered healthy for the trains to whistle at Whistleville, because, if they do, the whistle start to do some whistling, too. Whistleville is called Whistleville in honor of the lieutenant in charge of the detached 13—Lieut. W. E. Whisler.

Anyhow, the 13 whistle-less railroaders of Whistleville made a pro rata assessment and gathered 200 francs for a war orphan, although they were wondering how they did it. Dividing 13 into 200 and making sense out of it is our idea of a tough war.

**On the Red-Headed Trail**  
And here is some news for the fellows who wanted a red-headed orphan. We're on the trail of one. That is, Private D. Donnell has written from the S.O.S. about a red-headed girl and the Red Cross is looking her up. She isn't really an orphan, but, as near as Private Donnell can find out, her father was crippled at the front and was discharged, and is now in jail for larceny committed after he returned home.

"I don't know the details," says Private Donnell, "but I do know that there is no bread-winner in the house. If the case is considered worthy by the Red Cross, the little girl—she is only two—will be included in the list of children for adoption, and there will be a red-headed child for someone."

She didn't steal anything—even if her father did.

## JEWISH COMMITTEE HERE TO HELP A.E.F.

Huts Will Be Erected in Localities Which Have Not Been Reached

With a view to rendering effective the contemplated activities of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work in France, and co-ordinating the services along the lines already established by the Y.M.C.A., Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army and other kindred auxiliary bodies, a committee representing the Jewish Board for Welfare Work has arrived in France, and will engage immediately in the work of looking into conditions in order that the board's plans may be put into operation.

The war work of the Independent Jewish Association has been recognized for religious, social and recreational work in the Army camps in the United States, and it is the plan of the Jewish Welfare Board to erect buildings in France in order that the religious and social welfare of Jewish soldiers in the A.E.F. may be promoted.

The movement will be conducted along lines similar to those in vogue in the S.T. camps of the association in the United States, and there will be a corps of chaplains to supervise the activities.

**To Reach Unworked Localities**  
In order to prevent duplication of effort, buildings will not be erected in places where the Y.M.C.A. and K. of C. are already established. The plan is to erect buildings in localities heretofore unworked. Jewish chaplains will be attached to encampments where the Y.M.C.A. and K. of C. structures are available.

Congressman Isaac Siegel of New York is chairman of the Jewish Board for Welfare Work Committee in France. The other members are Dr. H. G. Enclow, of the Temple Emmanuel of New York; Dr. Jacob Kohn, Rabbi Congregation Anshe Chesed, New York City; and John Gold-linar, executive secretary.

The committee has established temporary headquarters at the Hotel Regina, Paris, to which all communications relative to the board's activities should be addressed.

**SHIPBOARD SCHOOLS BUSY**  
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